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Women expand the community service role

By Millie Lilley

Long before the White House asked Americans to string "a thousand points of light" across the country as a network of volunteer service, our nation's electric cooperatives were shining brightly in service to their communities.

When the men and women of independent, member-owned local cooperatives first constructed electric utility systems in rural America, they did so as volunteers, as neighbors helping neighbors, as communities dedicated to a secure future for their children.

That spirit of community service is as strong as ever among the cooperatives of North Carolina. Genuine devotion to our communities surely distinguishes us from any other utility.

While a great deal of credit for maintaining quality service belongs to the boards of directors, managers and employees of our cooperatives, the traditional quality of community service has been upheld in many localities by volunteer community service committees organized by women. Women's committees that have grown from the cooperatives themselves for many years have contributed to the quality of life in their communities. They have established scholarships, promoted health services, cared for the aged and the infirm, as well as lending steadfast support to the integrity of the electric cooperative enterprise itself.

I am encouraged to report that this kind of program is preparing to cut a wider course in North Carolina and throughout the nation.

It is my privilege to represent North Carolina on the National Rural Electric Women's Association (NREWA). I continually am impressed by the dedication and

accomplishments I see among local and state committees. And I have no doubt that our new course—to include all those interested in community service and the mission of electric cooperatives—will affect substantially the stability, image and growth of our cooperatives and communities.

The Women's Advisory Committee of Carolina Electric Cooperatives, chaired by Ginger Finney of Halifax Electric Membership Corporation and composed of representatives from the eight women's committees in the state, is now the Volunteers Committee of Carolina Electric Cooperatives. The name reflects our profile and our work: we are not only for women, and we are not only advisory. We are fully a part of our communities, and we make a difference both in the communities and on behalf of our cooperatives.

North Carolina's committee this year received the annual PEARL Award from the National Rural Electric Women's Association for promoting national projects and goals. Our state led all others in cash donations to victims of the 1993 Midwest floods, a new NREWA program. Donations came from Brunswick, Edgecombe-Martin County, Halifax, Pee Dee, Crescent, Pitt & Greene, French Broad and Lumbec River electric cooperatives, as well as from the state association and committee.

Such recognition also extends to the ongoing work of North Carolina's committees.

One example of that work is the scholarships given to young students and non-traditional students. Local committees and the state Volunteers Committee both have such programs. Most recently, the state committee awarded a scholarship to a working mother in the Edgecombe-

Martin County cooperative who has maintained a near-perfect grade-point average at Nash Community College's nursing program while caring for her husband (a cardiac patient), her home her family and holding down a job.

These committees are also active at local nursing homes, 4-H Clubs, public schools and health care facilities. They assist co-op families experiencing financial problems. They deliver cheer during holidays. They promote programs for literacy, abuse prevention, safety and self-protection.

And they support the mission of the electric cooperatives. They help to organize and staff co-op annual meetings. They write letters and call legislators regarding political activities affecting co-ops. They organize grassroots public education campaigns.

As one observer commented recently, "These are not tea-and-cookies committees."

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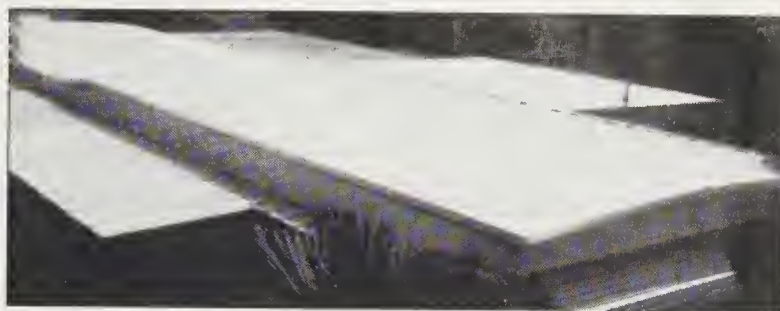
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They may not bring back the old-time country doctor, but new initiatives in North Carolina are aimed at placing primary health care in closer reach of rural areas.

At North Carolina State University's "Emerging Issues Forum" in February, national leaders in the health care reform movement, including Hillary Rodham Clinton in a two-way satellite broadcast, discussed the pressing matter of today's health care. North Carolina emerged as a state not only in need of reform, but also a state engaged in reform.

Statistics presented at the forum show that the status of health care in North Carolina reflects national trends. For example, one in seven North Carolinians are uninsured, and 75 percent of these uninsured are working or have a working head of household, according to the Center for Health Policy and Research Education at Duke University.

In North Carolina, 64,000 people lose their health benefits every month, usually when they change jobs, according to Families USA, a consumer-based advocacy organization.

A new Health Care Reform Planning Committee, chaired by Gov. James B. Hunt, will examine the most pressing problems this year. Some of the major concerns involve the state's large rural population.

A third of the counties in North Carolina, 33, do not have enough health care providers to meet the needs of their citizens, and another 25 counties are classified as having a "partial shortage." Rural residents in many parts of the state must travel long distances to see a doctor or other licensed health professional, and even longer distances to reach a hospital.

The expense of getting to a doctor is especially difficult for rural residents. Paying the doctor, or, in many cases, paying the hospital emergency services, once they get there, is even worse for those who have no health insurance or insur-

ance that covers only catastrophes.

But North Carolina has an enviable record in healing these afflictions.

"North Carolina probably reflects a lot of America, but if anything it has advantages over a number of rural states that will not be able to put together the systems and providers as easily as we are."

Restoring health care in rural N.C.



Michael E.C. Geny

This abandoned hospital once served rural upper Madison County. Today, three new primary health care centers are in the county.

said Jim Bernstein, director of the state Office of Rural Health and Resource Development, in a recent interview with the Intergovernmental Health Policy Project at George Washington University.

Bernstein is considered the "dean of

state rural health." His Rural Health office has been operating since 1973 to provide grants and technical assistance for the start-up and ongoing operation of primary care facilities. The state has developed an infrastructure of about 80 community-owned primary care facilities since 1973, spread throughout some of the most underserved areas of the state.

"These facilities give us a start, a place to recruit to," Bernstein said. "We have a fairly extensive recruitment program specifically for rural areas and a good set of state-supported incentives to go along with the federal incentives."

While the need for primary care providers is being supplemented by more than 700 nurse practitioners across the state, North Carolina is beginning to work harder to woo primary care physicians to rural areas.

Initiatives to attract physician have been in place since 1975, but a new reform law passed by the state legislature during the 1993 session requires the state's four medical schools to prepare a strategy for having at least half their graduates practice primary care.

"There is a growing awareness on the part of educators of the need for more primary care providers," said Bernstein. "And each of the four schools has initiated some serious programs to try to encourage students to choose primary care."

Students subsidized by taxpayers have an obligation as well, Bernstein says.

"All students in public medical schools should have a payback obligation for some or all of the tuition, or be required to practice in an underserved area upon graduation," he told the Intergovernmental Health Policy Project. "Another idea would be for these students to have a debt to the

Medicaid program, which they would repay by providing care to recipients upon graduation. These kinds of strategies would align the goals and responsibilities of the schools and the students

— Kim Whorl



Ricky Parker

Carole Dolehanty and Robeson County mobile health unit arrive for work at a rural fire station.

Nurses extend rural health care

By Nell Perry Bovender

Carole Dolehanty believes strongly that everyone, rich or poor, rural or urban, deserves health care. But she lives and works in Robeson County, one of North Carolina's largest, poorest and most rural counties, and the average distance to a town is 19 miles.

So Dolehanty takes her services to the people, visiting lots of housing projects, volunteer fire departments, churches and community centers dotted around the county. As a member of Robeson County's Mobile Health Services Team, on a typical day, she performs many of the services normally provided by any one of the family doctors in town, gives an infant his first vaccination, assesses the hearing of a 2-year-old, writes a prescription for a 3-year-old who's fussing with an earache. But Dolehanty isn't a physician; she's a nurse practitioner.

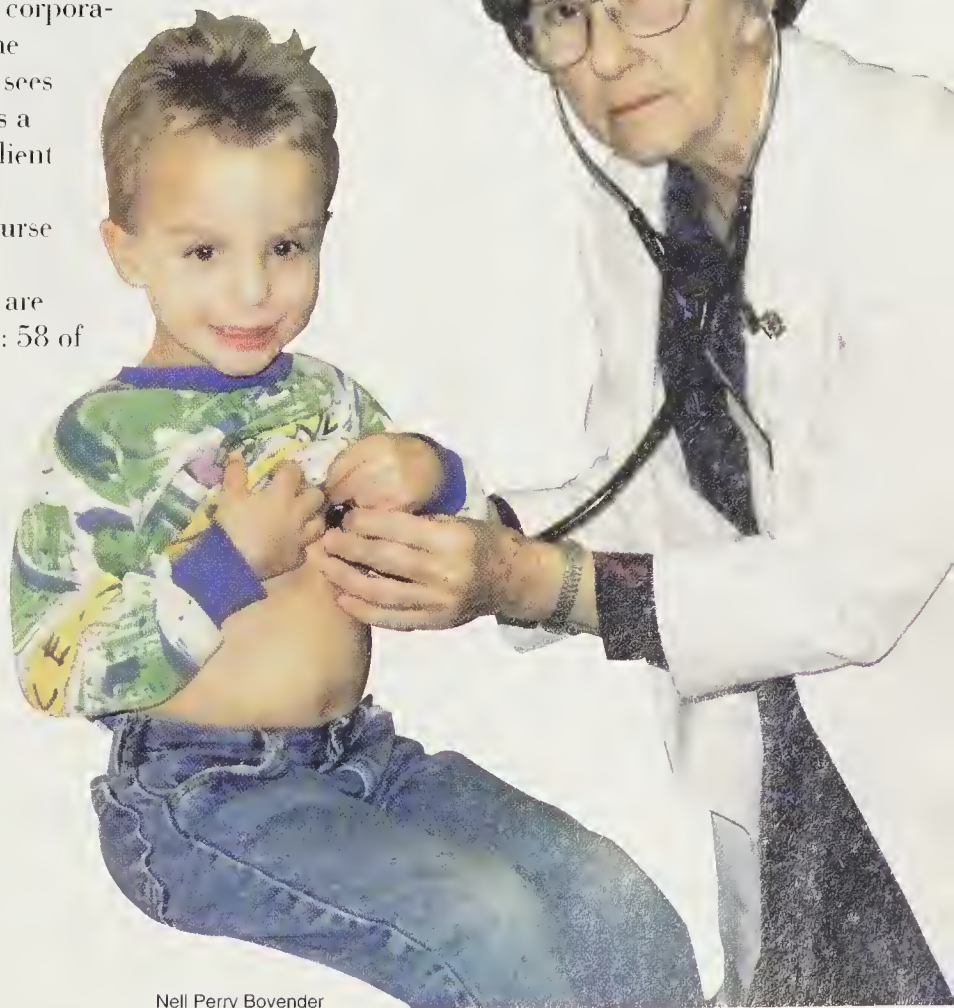
Across the state in Newland, deep in the mountains of Avery County, Mary Catherine Estep provides many of the same services in a private medical practice that she took over in 1989 when a local physician retired. Until a family physician joined the practice last fall, Estep was the primary provider of health care to about 200 patients a year, from Medicaid/Medicare patients to a large contingent of seasonal tourists.

Estep is also a nurse practitioner. In Nancy Kiser's hometown, Carthage,

located in the Sandhills, had no family-practice physician. In fact, the county had 100 physicians, but not one in family practice. So in 1979, she helped obtain state and federal funding for Carthage Medical Center, which is now a self-sufficient, non-profit corporation owned by the community. She sees 25 to 40 patients a day, for a total client load of 8,000.

She too is a nurse practitioner.

The statistics are always alarming: 58 of North Carolina's 100 counties are considered medically underserved, according to the state's Office of Rural Health and Resource Development. A number of factors contribute to that fact: For one



Nell Perry Bovender

Nurse practitioners and physician assistants deliver plenty of health care and cost about 20 percent less than a physician.

Nurse practitioner Mary Catherine Estep with Adam Beutell in Avery County.

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thing, family doctors are aging, and fewer are taking their places. Plus it's tough on young doctors just starting out to make enough money in small, rural practices to pay off their student loans, buy malpractice insurance, and either set up or buy into an established practice.

Most medical students now are choosing more specialized fields, leaving gaps in the specialties of primary and obstetrical-gynecological care.

Enter Physician Extenders

All is not totally grim, however. Stepping in to fill those gaps are nurse practitioners and physicians' assistants, called "physician extenders." These health-care specialties require advanced education and licensing by the N.C. Board of Medical Examiners. Nurse practitioners are also licensed by the N.C. Board of Nursing.

Of the nation's 2.1 million registered nurses, 400,000 already are providing some level of primary or preventive health-care services, according to the American Nurses Association.

Among that number are 25,000 to 30,000 nurse practitioners, a number that excludes those practicing on military bases or in VA hospitals, says Sue Sweeting, a nurse practitioner with the Watauga County health department and chair of the Council of Primary Care Nurse Practitioners of the N.C. Nurses Association. More than 700 nurse practitioners are at work in North Carolina, she says.

In addition, more than 27,000 physician assistants in the United States practice in almost all health-care settings and in every medical and surgical specialty, according to the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

In 1986, a comprehensive study by the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment found that nurse practitioners and PAs can deliver as much as 80 percent of the care normally provided by primary-care physicians at equal to or better quality. These specialists, according to the study, were also "more adept than physicians at providing services that depend on communication with patients and preventive actions."

The cost per visit was 20 percent less when physician extenders provided the

initial care, according to the study, and in independent practice, these specialists could reduce costs to third-party payers, either the government programs that pay for Medicare and Medicaid or insurance companies.

Patients don't seem to mind either. In a recent survey for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, pollsters for the Harvard School of Public Health found solid support for the idea of receiving routine care from a well-trained nurse, 66 percent. Only 20 percent were strongly opposed.

"We can manage the patients," said Nancy Kiser, "freeing up the physicians'

says Christine Kushner, the director of policy analysis for the N.C. Foundation for Alternative Health Programs. So that these centers could be as effective as possible, the legislature also gave physician extenders legal permission to write prescriptions for certain drugs and to operate without a physician on-site.

Physicians serve as consultants and review the medical records of the centers.

In 1973, she explains, the N.C. legislature set up an Office of Rural Health Services, now called the Office of Rural Health and Resource Development, to offer technical and financial assistance to communities lacking adequate primary care.

It developed 60 rural primary-care health centers. Many, such as the Carthage Health Center run by Nancy Kiser, soon became self-sufficient, principally because its clients include not only Medicaid and Medicare patients but the 60 percent who pay privately or through insurance.

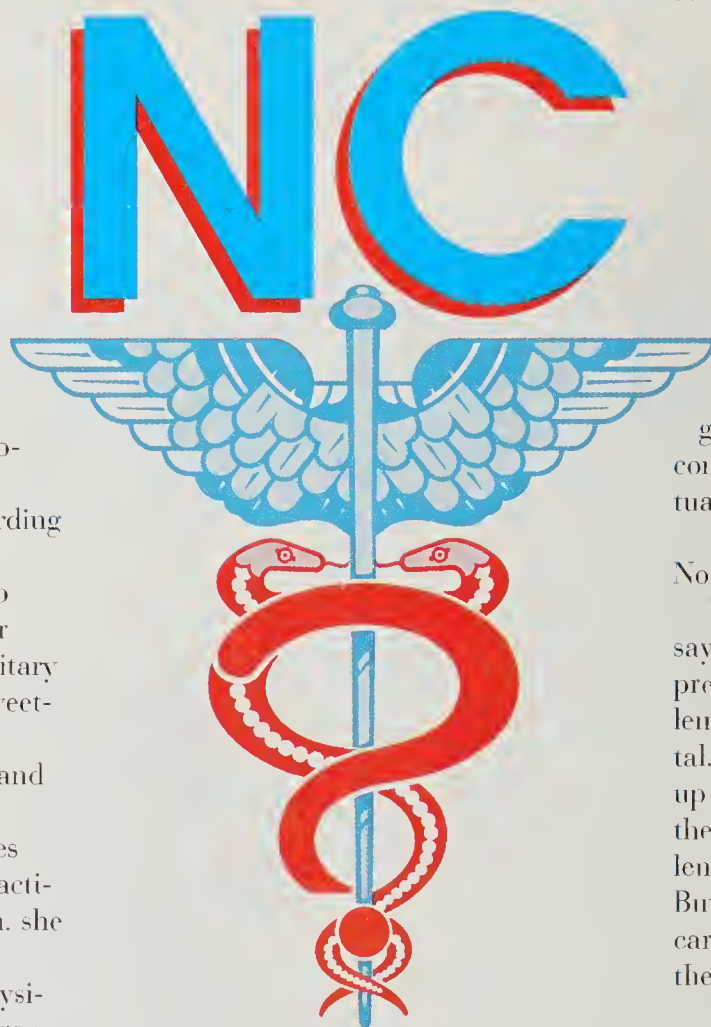
The Rural Health office initially gave \$5 for every dollar raised in the communities. The resulting clinics eventually belong to the community.

They've made a big difference in North Carolina.

"Primary care is important," Kiser says. "Our emphasis is on education and preventive care. If we can prevent a problem before it lands a person in the hospital, we've saved money. If someone shows up at the hospital 10 years into diabetes, they have often already developed problems with their heart, kidneys and eyes. But if they receive the necessary primary care and learn to control the diabetes, they may never develop problems."

Which is exactly why so much of the talk on health-care reform emphasizes primary care. People with little income or no insurance rely too heavily on emergency rooms for conditions that should be seen in primary-care practices.

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time for more seriously ill patients. We can take care of the colds, the chronic hypertension and stable diabetes. They can concentrate on patients who need their expertise."

"There are a lot of things you do need to see doctors for," Carole Dolehanty says, "but there are plenty of things nurses can handle."

The N.C. Rural Health Centers

North Carolina was the first state to see that by supporting rural health centers run, in most cases, by physician extenders, it could cut its Medicaid costs.

Healthy stories from Avery, Bladen, Madison and Surry counties

Here are some more stories of physician extenders providing needed health care in medically underserved rural areas of North Carolina:

Charlotte W. Cassell and Vivian H. Seal of Mount Airy opened an independent nursing practice, Health Plus, last October after they realized that more than 50 percent of the patients they were seeing at the emergency room at Northern Hospital of Surry County in Mount Airy were for emergencies. Cases of sore throats, flu and high blood pressure don't belong in a hospital, Seal says, but all the local physicians were booked with waiting lists two to three months long.

Deborah Borawski of Mount Airy, her husband and year-old twins all go to the new clinic. "The nurses take a different approach," she says. "They look at the overall influence of the illness as opposed to just the illness. Instead of 'You have an infection; let's get an antibiotic,' they ask how it's affecting your home life, your work life, if the kids are behind in school. They look at the whole person."



Mount Airy's Charlotte Cassell with a young client.

Donald M. Grinar, a nurse practitioner, manages the emergency room at Sloop Memorial Hospital in Crossnore, deep in the mountains of Avery County. The only health clinic in town is open four days a week, and patients often seek primary care from the emergency room because of the convenience.

"I feel I'm meeting a need sort of in between medicine and nursing," Grinar said.



Nell Perry Bovender photos

Crossnore's Donald Grinar at Sloop Memorial Hospital.

Anne Marshburn works with two doctors in a private practice in Elizabethtown. They see about 45 patients a day, 90 percent are on Medicaid; 85 percent are women and children.

"I do a bit of everything," she says. "Acute cases, pediatric office visits, follow-up on chronic disease, family planning. At first, I saw those patients the doctors couldn't see, the walk-ins, work-ins. Now I'm beginning to see my own patients."

Patients often ask why she didn't become a doctor.

"I had no desire to be a doctor," she says. "I can provide many of the services relying on my experience and my education as an advanced practice nurse. Plus I have more time to spend teaching patients about their health."

Perhaps the granddaddy of community-based rural health centers is the Hot Springs Health Program that formed soon after the only doctor in Hot Springs died back in 1970. That program soon grew to three health centers, each staffed by a physician extender with a physician rotating between all three centers, according to Jerry Plennmons, head of the board, and community and economic development specialist at French Broad Electric Membership Corporation.

"It's been difficult, but we've been very fortunate to have attracted some talented caregivers," Plennmons says.

The program is now a comprehensive health program, with 135 employees and operating four rural health clinics, the infirmary at Mars Hill College, a dental clinic, pharmacies at each center, hospice and a home health agency and working with three different nursing homes, including one in Weaverville.

The non-profit community group is the only private practice in the county. A physician has just begun a free clinic with volunteer help three hours a week.

Over the years, Plennmons says, the group has continued to depend on physician extenders but because of the strength of its program has recruited a number of physicians to the county.

Volunteers for the sake of children

By Kim Whorton

No one really wants to talk about child abuse within families. No one wants to talk about it or hear about it, as though it's not a problem, as though it will go away by itself.

But child abuse happens. Children are neglected, attacked, molested and otherwise abused in their own homes.

The abuse is getting worse in North Carolina, according to reported cases and statistics. Reports of child abuse rose from 31,097 in 1988-89 to 45,617 in 1990-91, according to the state Department of Human Resources. That's an increase of about 47 percent per year over three years.

North Carolina courts and social services recently have had help in trying to counter child abuse and neglect. The help comes from normal, every-day citizens who care enough to volunteer.

Erlene Joyner is one of the volunteers. She lives in Aulander, Bertie County, and is herself a wife and mother, as well as a substitute teacher and grocery store clerk. For the past year she has volunteered with the state-sanctioned Guardian ad Litem (guardian "for this case") program to help children who may be neglected.

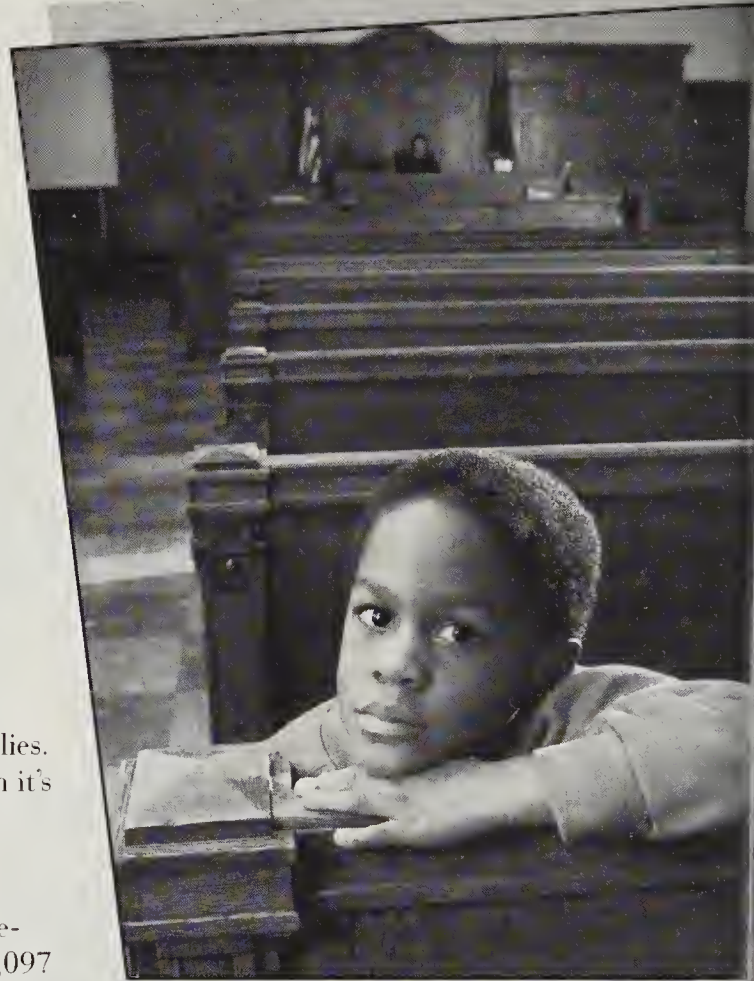
"You don't realize how many children out there are in trouble until you become involved," she says.

She learned of a 10-year-old girl who revealed in a letter to her teacher that her mother was abusing her. The teacher contacted

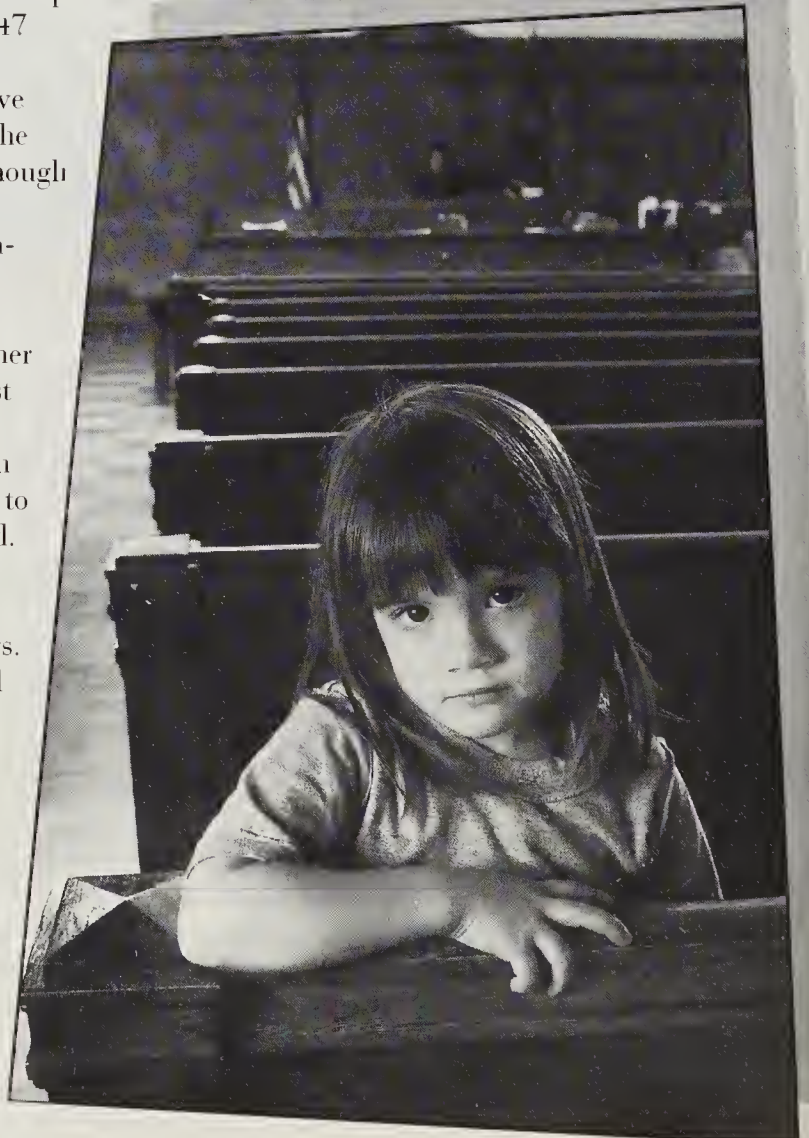
social services and the child was taken out of the home. "I listened when the child told me how she had been treated," Erlene Joyner says today. "And I also listened to what the mother had to say."

Ultimately, the young girl was given to the care of her grandmother until her mother receives appropriate counseling and treatment. Joyner will follow the case to make sure the girl doesn't return home until it's safe for her.

*"These children
don't want to
see their
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trial."*



Photos by Matthew McV



"It's hard for these children because they don't want to be away from their mothers, and they don't want to see their parents on trial," she says. "I try to see all sides of the situation and recommend what is best for the child."

How do the children react when a stranger becomes so intimately involved in their lives?

"All children respond to love," Joyner says. "They want someone to listen to them, to spend time with them. All it takes is for you to hug them and tell them you care."

It all rang true to Erlene Joyner the day she sat in a Bertie County courthouse and, as she listened to testimony about the abuse of another 10-year-old girl, she asked herself, "Why am I here?"

The girl then passed Joyner a note: "I love you," it said. "You are a nice lady." Remembering that now, Joyner says, "I felt great. There are so many rewards."

How Guardians work

Across North Carolina there are more than 2,700 volunteers trained by the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) program who are appointed by the juvenile courts to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children who find themselves involved in court proceedings. The volunteer Guardian is paired with an attorney advocate, and together they work to ensure that the child's rights and best interests are brought before the court. The volunteer provides the judge with carefully researched information about the child to help the court make a sound decision about the child's future.

The Guardian's role is different from that of an assigned social worker, who works toward reuniting the family, when appropriate, and must consider the interests of all family members. Although there are other child advocacy organizations, the Guardian ad Litem program is the only one where volunteers are appointed by the court solely to represent the child's interests.

GAL volunteers become good friends with the children they represent. They offer security and a friendly refuge during complex legal proceedings. They explain to the child the events that are happening, the reasons they are in court and the roles of the judge, lawyers and social workers. The volunteers also encourage children to express their own opinions and hopes.

To prepare a recommendation for the court, the volunteer talks with the child, parents, family members, social workers, school officials, health care providers and others who know about the child's history.

"The information the GAL volunteers collect for the courts is appreciated and respected," says Patsey Moseley-Moss, district administrator for the program in Bertie, Northampton, Halifax and Hertford counties. "We get strong support from the judicial system."

To earn that support, the program first had to overcome some obstacles. Judge Stanley Carmical, a district court judge in Robeson County, agrees that the program works well, but remembers its early days when the volunteer program was met with skepticism.

"I admit that the program had hurdles to overcome with me," says Carmical. "I was concerned at first that the intervention of the volunteers would slow down the process. But the program works extremely well. The Guardians take the time to talk to families, to visit homes and to take a hands-on look at the situation. They provide a valuable closer look, that we otherwise wouldn't get to see. . . . The people working in the Guardian ad Litem program are not bureaucrats; they're volunteers who really care."

GAL volunteers come from all walks of life. According to Moseley-Moss, however, they all have one thing in common. "The kind of people we attract as volunteers aren't interested in doing the most easy, pleasant things," she says. "These are people who want to make a difference—people who want to impact a family's life."

And they do make a difference. During 1991-92, 2,785 GAL volunteers worked with 155 attorney advocates to serve over 13,422 children across North Carolina. Moseley-Moss said that during her two years as administrator, she has seen a higher percentage of troubled families reunited than in previous years. That success can be attributed to diligent social workers who quickly get families connected with the services they need and the Guardian ad Litem program. "The GAL volunteer stays on top of the situation," said Moseley-Moss. "The information collected by the volunteer is shared so that erring parents don't fall back into the same behavior."

Volunteers face no boundaries of race, age or occupation. But they must meet

certain criteria.

Candidates are carefully screened. Volunteers must live in the county where they will take cases and undergo up to 20 hours of training on courtroom procedure, as well as effective advocacy techniques for children. They are educated about specific topics ranging from child sexual abuse to early childhood development and adolescent behavior.

"The training must prepare the volunteers for the situations they will be faced with," says Gladys Pierce, district administrator for the program in Robeson County. "There is a lot of emotion involved in this job. Our volunteers must still be able to separate themselves from the child's problem. Their first priority must be to be strong for the children."

"Our volunteers in Robeson County usually come into the program with some previous knowledge of the types of social problems we're dealing with," Pierce says. These are bold individuals with a personal need to help someone and to make a difference in a child's life."

While the volunteers represent the children and help to ease their fears during a difficult situation, they are also assisting the courts and social workers with heavy caseloads.

"We really are the eyes and ears for the judge," says Christine Jacobs, one of the GAL volunteers in Robeson County. "The problems of abuse and neglect are so widespread, you can never have enough volunteers. I really believe we make a difference."

Christine Jacobs recalls the reactions of some of the children she has represented: "Most children want to go back home, especially younger children, two to eight years old. These children are very sensitive and are sometimes reluctant to talk about abuse or neglect because they are afraid they'll be taken away from their family. You must let them know that you're their friend."

Moseley-Moss says you need not take a case to become involved with the program. You can volunteer in the program and help district administrators in administrative and public relations areas, too.

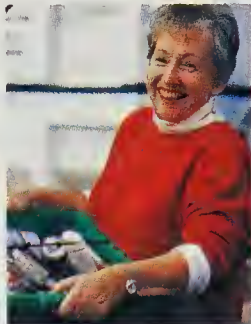
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A family of geese in Orange County



**Good news:
Spring is here.**

Quentin Patterson of Hillsborough, a member of Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation, photographed this family of Canada geese during spring and summer 1993. The species, Patterson says, "is a source of much pleasure to many of us." He took the pictures on a pond in the Orange Soil and Water Conservation District. "Seven goslings survived to graduate from flight school," Patterson said.



The gander on watch near the nest of his mate in April.



Two days later, the hen led her brood of eight goslings to meet their father.



Two weeks later.



The goslings at 10 weeks old.

Proposed federal cuts could leave poor in the cold

It could be tougher next winter to heat the homes of low-income Americans if President Clinton's plan to cut a federal heating subsidy in half passes Congress.

In his proposed budget for fiscal year 1995, Clinton slates the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for a \$707 million cut. The program will cost \$1.4 billion in 1994.

Less than two weeks after he released his proposal, Clinton added \$300 million to this year's LIHEAP program because of extremely cold temperatures in some states. The money went to low-income households that cannot afford additional energy costs incurred as a result of this winter's frigid temperatures.

Yet the administration says the program should be cut as part of a refocusing of its priorities. The restructured program would target the lowest-income households and steer some of the money toward "long-term solutions," such as making the homes of poor people more energy efficient.

Phil Seligman, a spokesman for the LIHEAP Coalition, says congressional momentum seems to be in favor of cutting it. "The LIHEAP Coalition is a 150-member group made up of representatives from consumer organizations, public interest research groups, utilities and other advocates of LIHEAP. Seligman works for Bryan Cave, a Washington, D.C., law firm.

Seligman envisions a worst-case scenario where utilities would shut off the heat in poor customers' homes in the dead of winter.

But Randy Tyree, a lobbyist with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), says that rarely happens.

"In this day and age," says Tyree, "if an employer represents 1,000 rural electric cooperatives nationwide, 'if a consumer can't pay their power bill, especially in the winter, the utility can't cut off their heat and let those people freeze.' Instead," says Seligman, "utilities could be forced to raise the rates of their other customers in order to pay for those can't. In its current form, LIHEAP will pay a utility what a low-income consumer cannot afford. Most of the money goes for heating assistance, although about 20 percent of it is used in the summertime for air conditioning.

Consumers, who can use the program only once a year, get the funding based on a formula that is based on poverty levels. In Iowa, for instance, people whose incomes range from \$10,455 (for a single-person household) to \$28,905 (for a six-member family) may apply for the grants.

In 1993, the program reached 5.2 million households with 14.6 million residents nationwide. More than 70 percent of LIHEAP recipients have average yearly incomes of less than \$8,000, according to the LIHEAP Coalition.

The coalition estimates that a 50.5 percent cut in LIHEAP funding would affect 7.3 million Americans, or 2.6 million households.

Rural electric cooperative leaders support continued funding of LIHEAP. At a February NRECA meeting, they adopted a resolution that calls the program "a safety net for low-income households."

NRECA members also urged utilities to allow less-needy consumers to help pay their neighbors' fuel bills through voluntary contributions. Several North Carolina electric co-ops conduct such voluntary help programs.

—*Rural Electric News Service*

Charlotte hosts meeting on future of hazardous waste

Environmental experts from across the nation will participate in a national conference on the future of hazardous waste April 25-28 in Charlotte.

"Conference of Hazardous Waste: 2005 and Beyond" will examine technical and management issues, government policy, siting, treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous waste.

Carolina Electric Cooperatives assisted in planning the conference.

Keynote speaker is expected to be the director, or her designee, of the White House Environmental Policy Office. Other speakers include Jonathan B. Howes, secretary of the N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, plus senior representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency, other state and federal government agencies, businesses and interest groups.

For more information, contact Sallye Hopper, Environmental Policy & Studies Center, Hickory, N.C. Phone: (704) 327-7000, ext. 281.

CAROLINA COUNTRY

Best electric co-op magazine

Carolina Country, with a monthly circulation of 342,000 in North Carolina, has been honored as the best electric cooperative magazine in the United States.

The magazine, which is the official publication of the state's electric cooperative network, was honored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association at its recent annual meeting.

"Carolina Country's mission is to inform electric cooperative customers across the state about the progress we're making in bringing jobs to North Carolina, improving education, and providing reliable, affordable electricity," said Owen Bishop who served as the magazine's editor until last fall. Now director of special projects for Carolina Electric Cooperatives, Bishop accepted the award on behalf of the magazine's staff during NRECA's 52nd Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

Carolina Country was selected for the national honor by a panel of three communications professionals from a field of 32 electric cooperative magazines to receive the George W. Haggard Memorial Journalism Award. The award is presented annually to the statewide electric cooperative magazine that offers "the most lucid, forthright and effective presentation of the ideals and objectives of the rural electrification program."

Among the judges' comments were: "excellent writing," "good choice of photos," "pleasing layout and design," "good balance of features, co-op news and editorials," and "good strong co-op focus for consumer readers." Carolina Country has the largest audience of any North Carolina-based magazine.

Prior to the national co-op meeting, Bishop was elected president of the national association of rural electric magazine editors. ☛

Books

by Peggy Howe



New and nearby.

"The Good Child's River"

Thomas Wolfe
292 pages, softcover

Thomas Wolfe lovers have another treat — in softcover!

Refuting the myth that Thomas Wolfe could "write only about himself" is the new "The Good Child's River."

The University of North Carolina Press now offers the 1994 paperback version of the earlier hardcover, edited and with an introduction by Suzanne Stutman.

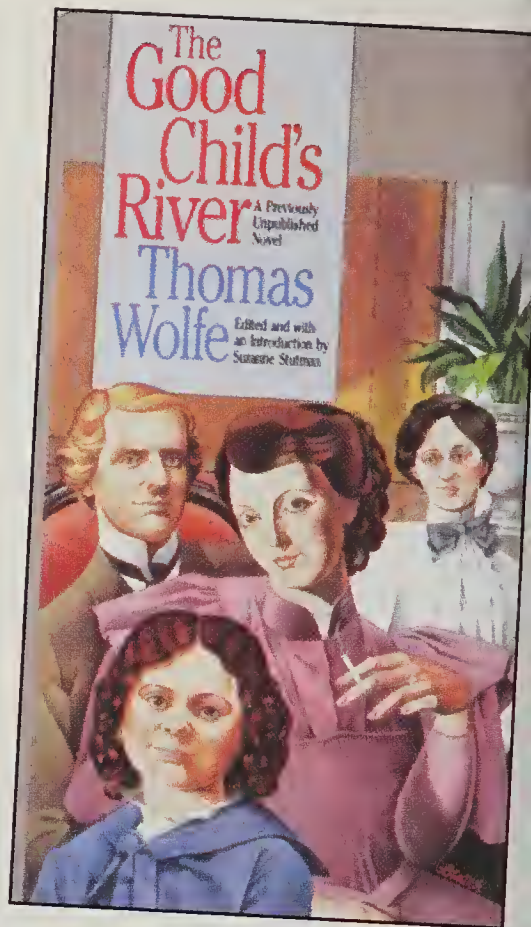
A voluminous and poignant work by one of North Carolina's most outstanding authors, "The Good Child's River" centers on the early life of a character named Esther Jack and her wide circle of eccentric family and friends. Esther is the thinly disguised Aline Bernstein, longtime Wolfe friend, mentor, companion and lover.

Set in turn-of-the-century New York, the novel focuses also on the city itself.

The author had begun the book before his untimely death in 1938, but had abandoned it for other works in progress. The manuscript was heavily edited and portions published after Wolfe's death. "The Good Child's River" was published exactly as Wolfe wrote it only in 1991, and now, for the first time, in paperback.

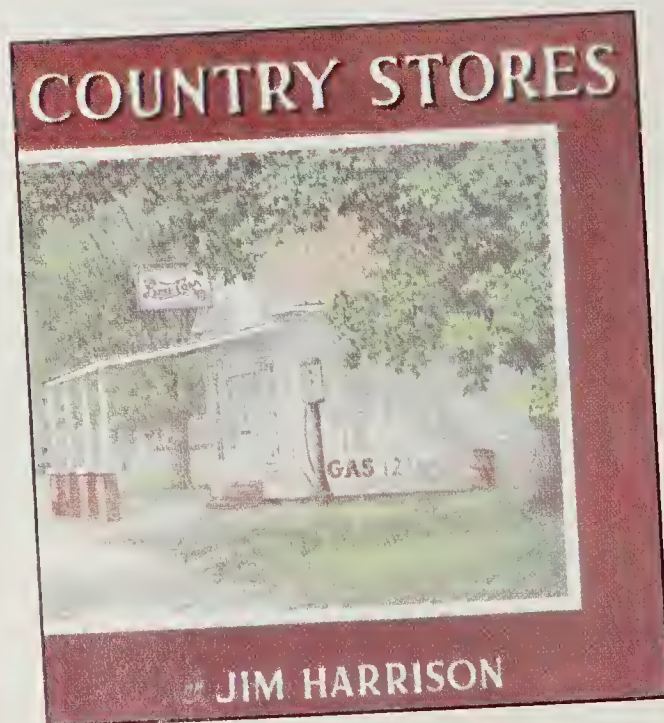
Editor Suzanne Stutman, professor of American studies at Pennsylvania State University, Ogontz campus, asserts that she has presented the text "as Thomas Wolfe wrote it without exclusion and with a minimum of editorial intrusions."

The new softcover edition is available for \$14.95 from bookstores or directly from the University of North Carolina Press in Chapel Hill. For toll-free credit card orders, call (800) 848-6224.



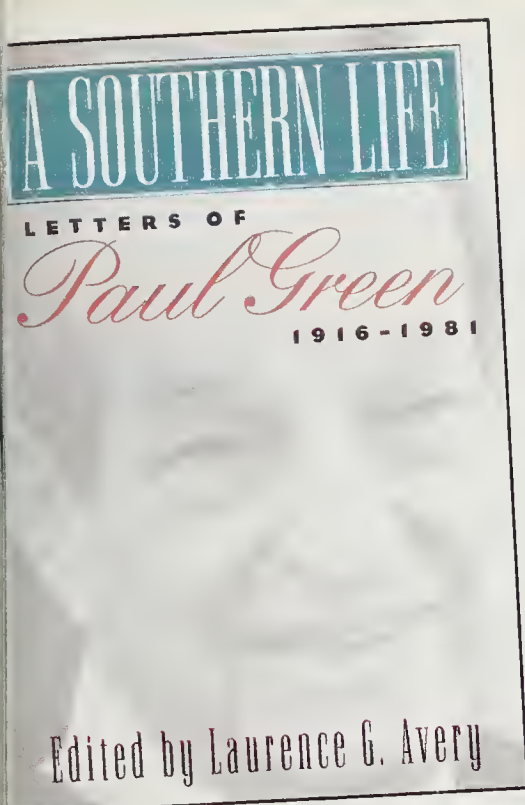
Country Stores

Jim Harrison, 120 pp., illustrated



Harrison is a South Carolina representational artist and chronicler of American rural life. The text and illustrations (30 black and white, 16 color) of this book detail the images of country stores: the clapboard siding, soft-drink signs, potbellied stoves, kerosene lamps, cheese rounds, penny candy lining the walls and shelves side. Harrison looks at the evolution of the stores from the peddler-and-plantation system with their "retailing philosophers" and traveling salesmen.

The book is published by Longstreet Press of Atlanta and is available for \$2 plus \$3.20 in handling, from the Jim Harrison Gallery, One South Main Street, Denmark, S.C. 29042.



A Southern Life: Letters of Paul Green 1916-1981

Edited by Laurence G. Avery
35 pp., hardcover

Many of us know Paul Green as the father of outdoor drama — as author of the groundbreaking, long-running “Lost Colony” at Jamestown’s Waterfront Theatre.

Others know him as a prolific author. In a new hardcover book from the University of North Carolina Press, editor Laurence Avery presents 328 representative letters from more than 9,000 pieces. The 735-page volume includes letters to such notables as Sherwood Anderson, Langston Hughes, Richard Wright, John Dos Passos and Zora Neale Hurston.

Providing new insight into the life and works of Paul Green (1894-1981), the book illuminates the author, the first playwright from the South to attract national and international attention for his socially conscious dramas.

A Harnett County native, Green was a devoted teacher of philosophy and drama at the UNC-CH and was a part of the generation who “launched the southern literary renaissance.”

Editor Avery, who is chair and professor of English at the UNC-CH, includes an introduction, annotations and gallery of photographs.

Available for \$49.95 in bookstores or from the UNC Press. For credit card orders, call (800) 848-6224; or write Post Office Box 2288, Chapel Hill, NC, 27515-2288.

Triumph At Kitty Hawk: The Wright Brothers and Powered Flight

Thomas C. Parramore, 124 pp., softcover

With photographs and detailed descriptions, a new paperback focuses on the Wright brothers flying exploits from a North Carolina perspective.

Although numerous accounts have been written of the famous brothers and the first powered flight, Thomas C. Parramore for the first time examines the major role played by North Carolinians in the project’s success.

Parramore writes that it is “uncertain whether the Wrights would have succeeded in some other place, without the hospitable and accommodating people of the Outer Banks.”

Through his examination of both published and unpublished papers and scattered and obscure local sources, as well as interviews with family descendants, we learn for the first time how North Carolinians perceived the odd brothers from Ohio. The Ohioans, in turn, left amusing accounts of isolation and provincialism, but also forged lasting friendships with the Bankers.

The volume is indexed and illustrated with 30 black and white pictures including photographs of scenes around Kitty Hawk and of local residents.

The book also contains a chapter on aviation in North Carolina before 1903 featuring early Tar Heel aeronauts and their attempts to fly.

Parramore is emeritus professor of history at Meredith College in Raleigh, and for more than three decades, one of North Carolina’s most versatile historians, publishing textbooks, monographs and articles on a wide range of subjects.

“Triumph at Kitty Hawk” costs \$8 per copy plus \$2 postage. Order from the Historical Publications Section, N. C. Division of Archives and History, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, N. C. 27601-2807.



“Guilford County: A Brief History”

Alexander R. Stoesen, 89 pp., softcover

A new paperback history of Guilford County surveys one of North Carolina’s oldest counties.

“Guilford County: A Brief History” by Alexander R. Stoesen, is the 13th volume in a series of North Carolina’s counties which began in 1963. This new 89-page history is arranged chronologically.

Among North Carolina’s oldest counties, Guilford, formed in 1771, is the state’s most industrialized and third most populous. Within its borders lie two of the state’s largest cities, Greensboro and High Point. The county also is home to five colleges and three universities, more than any other in the state.

The author attributes Guilford’s growth to convenient transportation

facilities including railroads in the 1850s, growth of the Piedmont Triad International Airport in the 1920s and the intersection of two major highways within its boundaries.

Particularly suited to write a history of Guilford County, Stoesen has taught at Guilford College for a quarter of a century.

“Guilford County: A Brief History” is indexed and includes a list of suggested readings for further study. Forty black and white pictures illustrate the text. The cost is \$5 plus \$1.05 postage. Order from Historical Publications Section, Division of Archives and History, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-2807.

Four floors, 172,000 square feet, plus parking



The new museum building at One East Edenton St., Raleigh.

N.C. Museum of History

Museum of History opens

More than 10 years in the making, North Carolina's grand new Museum of History opens on April 23-24.

From top to bottom, the new building at One East Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh is stunning. As visitors step through the double glass doors to the atrium-like lobby, North Carolinians' dreams come true for a world-class museum, encompassing more than four centuries of North Carolina history.

The bright, airy lobby with its hanging banners and a scale model of the Wright brothers plane soars to a four-floor height, while all around, the promise of more excitement is imminent in various galleries, classrooms and an auditorium. An expanded gift shop showcases North Carolina items, featuring reproductions of some artifacts in the museum's collections.

With four floors and 172,000 square feet, plus underground parking for 650 cars, the new building boasts more than three times the exhibit space of the previous facility.

Greeting opening year crowds are several major exhibitions, including the centerpiece offering on "North Carolina Women

Making History." The two-year long exhibit, featuring women's significant contributions from prehistory to the present, includes not only well-known figures, but women of all races in several areas, including family, household, work and community.

Richard Petty's race car, No. 43, reigns in a corner of the 4,000-square-foot "Sports Hall of Fame" on the third floor. Surrounding the racing memorabilia are mementos honoring home state heroes representing

North Carolina sports from basketball to duckpin bowling.

The major impact of North Carolina's folk heritage is demonstrated in the gallery entitled "The Spirit of Community."

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additional excitement.*

North Carolina Folklife." Especially highlighted are the nearly 40 individuals who have received the coveted North Carolina Folk Heritage Award, an annual prize given to recognized masters in various disciplines.

The N. C. Museum of History Associates' generosity has enabled the museum to purchase works of many of the award recipients. The support group will continue to provide funds to support collecting works from traditional masters.

In a 14,000-square-foot gallery on the first floor, the museum presents the "Past in Progress: Gathering North Carolina's History" exhibit, telling the story of North Carolina's past. Stage one, now ready, includes two audiovisual programs and presentation of large artifacts important to the state's history, including a slave cabin, pharmacy collection, a nuclear reactor panel, Bechtler coins and prehistoric dugout canoe.

Stages two and three will be completed by the end of the decade.

For nearly 40 years, North Carolina's history students, called Tar Heel Junior Historians, have joined school history clubs, developed individual and group projects and entered these into competition. In cramped quarters, only a few winning entries could be on display during the year at the museum.

Now, thanks to a new 784-square-foot gallery opening this summer, all winners can experience the pride of seeing their projects and even their photographs on display for the year in their very own Junior Historians Gallery."

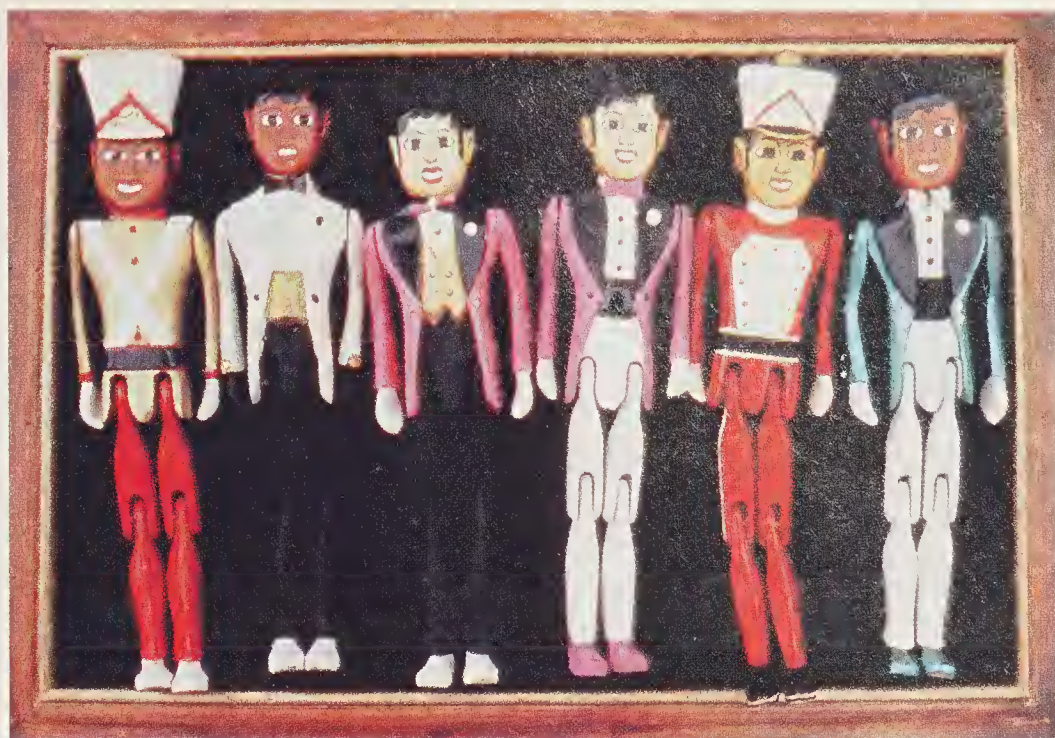
Another special feature is the preservation gallery. In full view on the first floor, visitors can see museum conservators preparing large artifacts for display.

The list continues. Each nook and cranny, each turn around a corner offers additional excitement.

The splendid new building, constructed with \$30 million of public and private funds, will be a North Carolina treasure for decades to come. Were he to return today, the father of the museum, Col. Fred A. Olds, would be amazed at what his collection has become.

Admission is free. Regular visiting hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; 1 - 6 p.m. Sundays. For details, telephone 919-715-0200. ☎

—Peggy Howe



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Dancing dolls carved by George Serrance, in the "Folklife" exhibit.

Grand Opening Festivities

The April 23-24 grand opening of the N.C. Museum of History is billed as "one of the most comprehensive and inclusive gatherings ever staged of the state's historical, folk, literary and sports figures."

Here is what's happening in Raleigh on April 23:

★Parade, 11 a.m., Jones St.: led by Lumbee nation Native Americans, followed by horse- and mule-drawn vehicles, vintage motor vehicles, Richard Petty in a convertible, N.C. infantry and cavalry units, period parade music, and a planet rover designed at N.C. State.

★Ribbon-cutting: Gov. James B. Hunt Jr.

★Museum doors open, 12:30 p.m. led by Tar Heel Junior Historians.

★Festival of North Carolina Stories, 1 p.m.:

On-site tape-recording of memories;

Traditional craft demonstrations,

including fishermen, tobacco

auctioneers, carvers, black

smiths, potters and folklorists;

Verbal arts celebration with story

tellers, fiddlers, historians and educators.

including "The Day the Lights Came On: Electrification in Rural North Carolina";

North Carolina music, including string band music, Appalachian ballads and gospel;

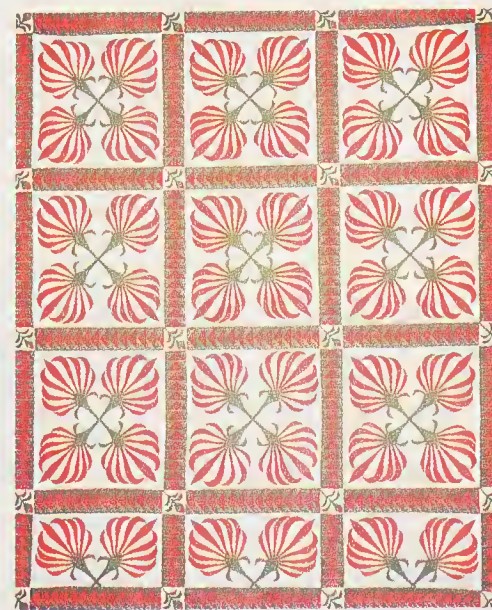
Presenters include Julius Chambers, Doris Betts, Reynolds Price, William S. Powell and five former N.C. governors;

Sports stories from Gaylord Perry, "Choo Choo" Justice and Leroy Walker;

Children's hands-on stories with beadwork, Hmong storycloths and face jugs;

Vintage and contemporary road-building equipment.

★Formal dedication: Maya Angelou, N.C. Symphony ensembles, 82nd Airborne Band and Chorus, flyover of modern and vintage aircraft including Fort Bragg's U.S. Army Parachute Team. ☎



N.C. Museum of History

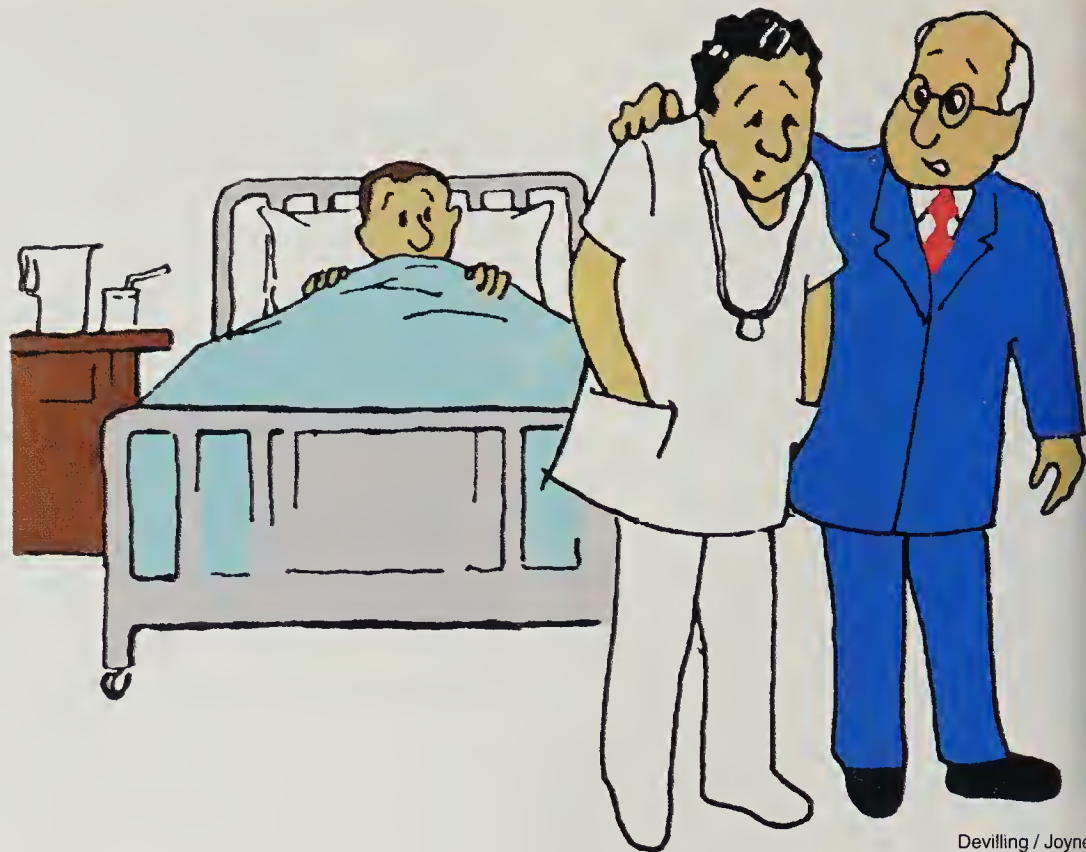
Cotton Boll quilt made in Caswell County, 1855.

Joyner's Corner

by Charles Joyner



**Humor from
our man in
Hendersonville.**



Devilling / Joyner

"I don't care what your grandmother always said.
The way to a man's heart is not through his stomach."



"Not for just one"

Herbert E. Pace was a fireman and night watchman in Tryon who died in 1964 in his 75th year. His memory lives on in a privately printed pamphlet he wrote entitled, "Fifty Years Ago Around Saluda, N.C."

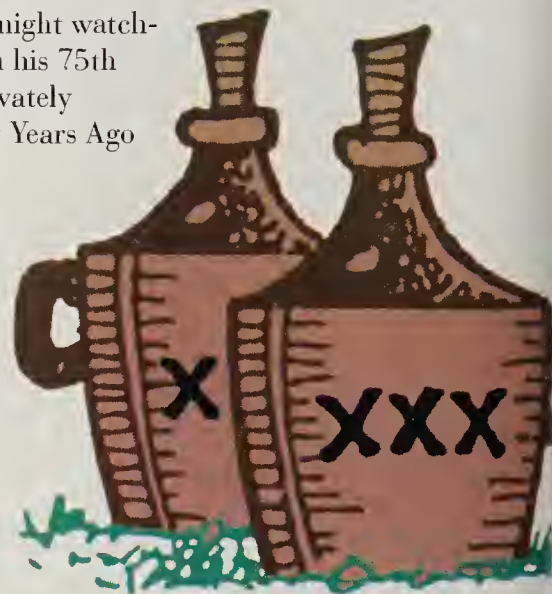
Mr. Pace retired January 1, 1957, and published his memories of Saluda just six months later "upon the many requests of my friends." He wrote in a straightforward style which gives the flavor of the man:

"Most all the people then (when he was growing up) made whiskey; they were good citizens. They thought it was nobody's business if they made whiskey. They went to church and were good neighbors.

"I remember my father always kept a little whiskey for medicine. In the spring of the year he would send word for someone to bring him a little whiskey. They would come and bring it. My father would swap some potatoes or corn for the whiskey. Sometimes the man would stay for dinner.

"The people did not like the revenue officers. One time the officers and the men at a still got in a shooting scrap and one of the officers got killed. The other officer went to a man's house and asked him if he would take his wagon and take the dead man to Greenville (S.C.).

"The man asked how many were killed. They told him just one. He said, 'No, I won't go for just one.'"



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everywhere



cross
North Carolina.

White Furniture Company

Through April 23, Mebane

An exhibit of photographs documenting the recent closing of the 112-year-old White Furniture Company in Mebane will be presented in the Old Jones Department Store on North Fourth Street in Mebane through April 23 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment. The photos were taken by Bill Bamberger, a Mebane resident who spent five months shooting the factory and its closing. Contact the UNC-CH News Service, Campus Box 6210, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27599-6210. Phone: (919) 962-2091.

"Best in the West"

Through April, West Jefferson

"The Best in the West" is a juried exhibition of paintings and drawings by artists in western North Carolina. At Ashe Arts Center through April, then on tour for one year to participating counties and is sponsored by the Western Arts Agencies of North Carolina and locally by the Ashe County Arts Council. Hours are weekdays 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact the Ashe County Arts Council, P.O. Box 353, Jefferson, N.C. 28640. Phone: (919) 246-ARTS.

Fort Bragg Playhouse

1994, Fort Bragg

Tickets are on sale for the Fort Bragg Playhouse 1994 season. Three productions are scheduled: "Bus Stop," April 8-10 and 13-17; "Damn Yankees," June 10-12 and 15-19; and "The Goodbye People," August 5-7 and 11-14. Season tickets are \$17 per person, and dinner theater season tickets are \$40. Contact the Fort Bragg Playhouse, Building 1T-3759, Knox St., Fort Bragg, N.C. 28307. Phone: (910) 396-7555.

Historic Homes, Gardens

April 8-9, New Bern

Showcases private residences as well as historic churches, public buildings and private gardens. The New Bern Academy Museum, which surveys the history of New Bern from 1710 through the Civil War, will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 8-9 and 1 to 5 p.m. on April 10. The weekend's celebration also includes the annual Tryon Palace Gardener's weekend, April 8-10. The grounds of Tryon Palace will be open free 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 8-10, with tours offered hourly on April 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. Contact Tryon Palace, P.O. Box 1007, New Bern, N.C. 28563. Phone: (800) 767-1560.

Revolutionary Encampment

April 9, Halifax

The Revolutionary N.C. 6th Regiment will hold an encampment at Historic Halifax State Historic Site, 18th century activities and dress. Emphasis will not be on the military, although there will be militia drills throughout the day. Contact Monica Moody, P.O. Box 406, Halifax, N.C. 27839. Phone: (919) 583-7191.

Union County Herb Sale

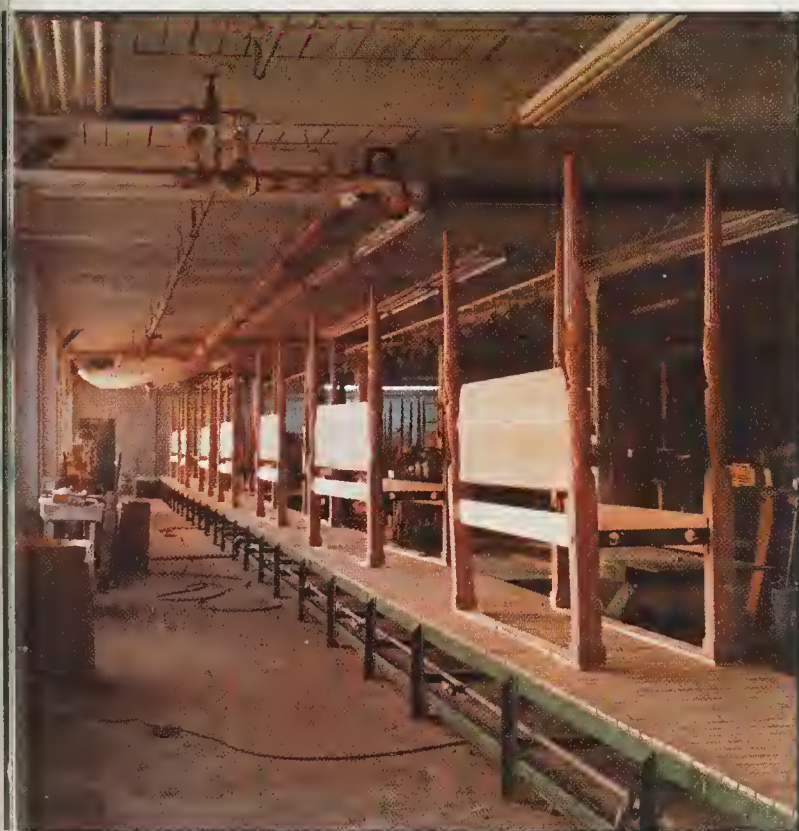
April 9, Matthews

Featuring 500 varieties of herbs with medicinal, culinary or fragrant values. Contact Brenda Dills, 15908 Deepwood Place, Matthews, N.C. 28105. Phone: (704) 882-2669.

Thermal City Miners

April 9-10, Union Mills

Family-oriented gathering for recreational gold miners and anyone interested in the history of gold mining in the eastern U.S. Equipment demos, gold panning contests, bluegrass music, gem cutting and more. Contact Lloyd Nanney, Box 442, Union Mills, N.C. 28167. Phone: (704) 287-2545 after 6 p.m.



Photos by Bill Bamberger

Inside the White Furniture Company, Mebane, before (left) and after closing. Photo exhibit runs through April 23.

Battle of Waxhaw

April 9-10, Waxhaw

Civil War reenactment of a Union cavalry raid on a small southern town and authentic Civil War music and artifacts. Contact Lt. Charles Lee Bigham, P.O. Box 1612, Monroe, N.C. 28111. Phone: (704) 289-4749.

Artist Exhibition

Through April 10,
Winston-Salem

The Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA) hosts the "North Carolina Arts Council Artist Fellowships Exhibition 1993-94" of work by sculptors Ronnie Barber, Harry McDaniel and Ann Rowles; painters, Vandorn Himant, Bonnie Melton, and Brian Thompson; photographer and videographer Carolyn DeMeritt; and fiber artist Stephanie Santmyers. "Pieced and Painted," an exhibition by elementary school art students based on the work of Bonnie Melton and Stephanie Santmyers will run April 11-25. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 2-5 p.m. Contact Virginia Rutter, SECCA, 750 Marguerite Dr., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106. Phone: (919) 725-1904.

Halifax Day

April 12, Halifax

Celebration of the 218th Anniversary of the Halifax Resolves, established at the Fourth Provincial Congress Meeting in Halifax on April 12, 1776. This was the first official call for independence by the 13 colonies. Contact Monica Moody, P.O. Box 406, Halifax, N.C. 27839.

Museum of the Albemarle

April 13, Elizabeth City

Peter B. Sandbeck presents "Building Technology," a lecture on how buildings were put together, their maintenance requirements, and the how-to's of restoration and rehabilitation. Contact the Museum of the Albemarle, 1116 US Hwy. 17 South, Elizabeth City, N.C. 27909. Phone: (919) 335-1453.

Battle of Plymouth

April 15-17, Plymouth

Troop encampment, torch light tour, battle reenactment and period music. Contact the Washington County Historical Society, P.O. Box 296, Plymouth, N.C. 27962. Or call the Port O' Plymouth Museum at (919) 793-1377.

Loch Norman Highland Games

April 15-17, Davidson

Scottish arts, athletics and traditions. Games include the caber toss, hammer throw, battle ax sheaf tossing, clachmair and wrestling. Also featuring a Ceilidh, an informal gathering and sing-a-long and a Tartan Ball. The Games will be held at Rural Hill, part of the historic Davidson Encampment in the Latta Plantation area. Contact Nina Wallace, P.O. Box 1009, Huntersville, N.C. 28078-1009.

Seagrove Kiln Opening

April 16-17, Seagrove

Seagrove area pottery shops will show items created for this festival. Over 40 area shops, all within a 15-mile radius will participate. Door prizes in each shop. Contact the Seagrove Kiln Opening, P.O. Box 464, Seagrove, N.C. 27341. Phone: (910) 873-7304.

Union Grove Festival

April 16, Union Grove

Craft vendors, an antique car show, country store, petting zoo, nursery vendors horse show, softball tournaments, live entertainment and a square dance. Sponsored by the Union Grove Ruritan Club. Contact the Union

Grove Ruritan Club, P.O. Box 93, Union Grove, N.C. 28689.

Coastal Celebration

April 16-17, Raleigh

The 6th annual "Save Our Sounds Coastal Celebration" will kick off Gov. Jim Hunt's "Year of the Coast" campaign. Activities to help children understand why protecting coastal resources fulfills this year's theme "Year of the Coast ... For Our Children." Kids will be able to touch live marine creatures and learn their role in protecting the environment. Boat builders, artists and craftspeople, too. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Kerr Scott Building on the N.C. State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. Contact Barbara Mannen, Save Our Sounds, P.O. Box 12000, Raleigh, N.C. 27605. Phone: (919) 821-8790.

Terra Ceia Dutch Festival

April 16, Terra Ceia

Tours of more than 60 acres of spring flowers, Dutch foods, music, singing and dancing, a museum and travelogue, games, and a petting zoo. Food, candy, cookbooks and pottery on sale. Terra Ceia is located between Washington and Plymouth and



St. Andrews Presbyterian College Pipe Band at the Loch Norman Highland Games (April 15-16).

Terra Ceia Dutch Festival is April 16.

can be reached from Highways 32 or 264. Contact Nelly Boerema, Rt. 1 Box 110, Pantego, N.C. 27860. Phone: (919) 935-5130.

American Impressionism

April 16-June 19, Charlotte
American Impressionism in "Georgia Collections" is an exhibition of 50 paintings, watercolors, gouaches, pastels and drawings from public and private collections, organized by the Georgia Museum of Art. The collection helps explain why Impressionism replaced the Hudson River School as the American national style in painting at the turn of the century. Contact Phil Pasher, the Mint Museum of Art, 730 Randolph Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28207. Phone: (704) 337-2009.

Dogwood Festival

April 22-23, Farmville
The 7th annual Dogwood Festival celebrating North Carolina's official flower, will feature arts, crafts, antiques, music, and sporting events. Contact The Dogwood Festival, P.O. Box 86, Farmville, N.C. 27828. Phone: (919) 753-5814.

"Free Flight" at N.C. Zoo

Through May, Asheboro
"Free Flight" features birds of prey in an environment where they can perform natural flying and survival behaviors. Zoo visitors can see the birds up close and ask questions of the zoo's staff. This year's program includes a golden eagle, a peregrine falcon, a red-tailed hawk and other raptors. "Free Flight" performances are presented daily throughout April and May in the Zoo Amphitheater. Contact the N.C. Zoological Park, 4401 Zoo Parkway, Asheboro, N.C. 27203-9416. Phone: (800) 488-0444.

Hendersonville Photos

April 18-23, Hendersonville
Exhibit of photographs from more than 100,000 donated by Jody Barber to the Community Foundation of Hendersonville. Pictures of area people, places and events date back 109 years and comprise those compiled by five generations of Barber family photographers. Jody Barber recently closed Barber's Card and Camera Shop after 46 years on Main St. Exhibition is at the Henderson County Public Library.

which will house the collection at its Washington Street building. Contact Charles Joyner, 901 Greenwood Dr., Hendersonville, N.C. 28739. Phone: (704) 697-2244.

Cabarrus Doll Show

April 30, Concord
Sponsored by the Golden Dolls Doll Club, the show will be held at the Cabarrus Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2. Contact Becky Edgins, P.O. Box 715, Mt. Pleasant, N.C. 28124. Phone: (704) 436-6451.

Roanoke Valley Doll Show

April 30, Roanoke Rapids
The show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Roanoke Rapids Holiday Inn. Admission is \$2. For more information send a SASE to Judy Arrington, Rt. 2 Box 204, Scotland Neck, N.C. 27874. Phone: (919) 826-5483.

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May 3-6, Smyrna, Tenn.
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May 5-8, Boone
The Blue Ridge Community Theatre will present "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" at the Farthing Auditorium on the campus of Appalachian State University. Contact Blue Ridge Community Theatre, P.O. Box 464 DTS, Boone, N.C. 28607. Phone: (704) 264-7459.

Licklog Players

May 6-8, 13-15, Hayesville
The Licklog Players, a community theater group in western North Carolina, will present "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" at the Peacock Playhouse in Hayesville. Contact Licklog Players, P.O. Box 223, Hayesville, N.C. 28904. Phone: (704) 389-8632.

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June issue, 4/25; July issue, 5/25; August issue, 6/25

We welcome photos and illustrations of coming events. Send notices to Calendar, Carolina Country, P.O. Box 27306, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.



"The Toilette," Richard Miller, 1914. Mint Museum.



Barn owl at the N.C. Zoo's "Free Flight."

Hank's Gardening Guide

by Hank Smith



Gardens awaken in April.

Much of the success of the summer gardens and lawns will depend upon what is done this month and in the first days of May. Interest is high in getting seeds and plants in the ground.

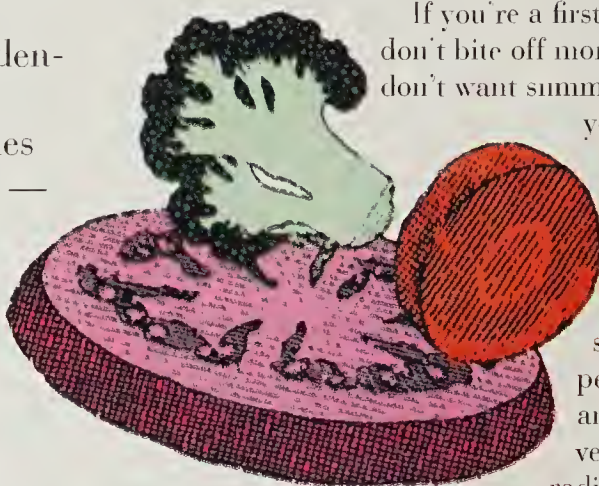
Materials for gardening needs now are available in nurseries and garden centers — bedding plants, trees and shrubs, fertilizers, insecticides and fungicides, and numerous tools for establishment and maintenance.

April is for gardeners. Enjoy!

If you can grow weeds, you can grow vegetables

If you have an area where weeds thrive, you can have vegetables growing in their place — with the right preparation and care.

Vegetables need five or six hours of full sun every day. So, select a spot where they'll get sun every day the sun shines. Usually you can utilize an open area if it is located near a source of water. Water will be essential when dry weather arrives.



If you're a first-time vegetable grower, don't bite off more than you can eat. You don't want summer garden work to bog you down. But, you'll surely want to include some home-grown salad ingredients such as loose-leaf lettuce, tomatoes, early beets, spring onions, sweet peppers and cabbage. And for an addition to almost any vegetable salad, you'll want radishes. They're an encour-

aging choice for the beginning gardener. Radishes pop up and mature quickly.

Seeds of snapbeans, sweet corn, okra and squash may be planted now. Transplants of tomatoes and sweet peppers also may be set out.



Undemanding dogwood

Dogwood trees are adaptable to most soil types that are not alkaline. They prefer acid soil of fertile loam which is high in organic matter. The major factor for healthy dogwoods is good soil drainage and protection from drought.

Dogwoods are "at home" as understory trees in a stand of either hardwoods or pines that provide moderate shade. Pines produce filtered light through their branches of pine needles. Heavy shade will result in poor flowering. Growth problems of dogwoods are likely when trees are located in hot, dry exposures.

In observing dogwoods growing in the wild, you will note that they are happiest when growing beneath taller trees.

When grown as lawn specimens, it is advisable to take care not to scar the bark with the lawnmower or string edger. Breaks in the bark provides a "port of entry" for borers.

Wildflower garden

Interest in gardens of wildflowers has grown in recent years. Much of this has come about because of the growing concern for saving our native plants and their contribution to our natural environment.

Sometimes when land is cleared for construction, native wildflowers are lost to the bulldozer. It's a good idea to transplant them to their own colony.

Among the many wildflowers that are worthy of finding garden space for them are: bluets, mayapple, trailing arbutus, false hellebore, Jack-in-the-pulpit, trillium, violet, hepatica, bloodroot, Dutchman's-breeches, wild ginger, trout lily and wild iris. Seek spot in your yard that has the same soil type and shade factor as the environment in which they grew in the wild.



It's spring

1. Fertilize roses and spray weekly with a fungicide to check the spread of black spot.
2. Mow fescue lawns to approximately three inches height.
3. Fertilize warm-season grasses as Bermuda, zoysia, or centipede with 12 pounds of 10-10-10 per 1,000 square feet.
4. If not already in your gardening routine, begin building a compost pile as a source of organic matter.
5. As spring-flowering shrubs complete their show, do necessary pruning to control plants. Prune such as Japanese flowering quince and forsythia ("yellow bells") by shortening canes (stems); or prune away old stems by cutting at base of the plant.
6. Prune large established clumps of nandinas by removing several of the older stems at the ground level. Repeat such pruning each spring until plant is under control.
7. Kill broadleaf weeds and wild onions (garlic) with a broadleaf weedkiller. Follow label instructions.
8. Do not compost or use as mulch any grass clippings that have been sprayed with weedkillers.
9. As soon as ground is warm and not soggy, plant summer-flowering bulbs and tubers such as tuberose, gladiolus, canna, dahlia, elephant ear and caladium.
10. After large established plants of azaleas and camellias finish blooming, remove a few interior branches to improve light and air circulation. At the same pruning, remove any dead wood.

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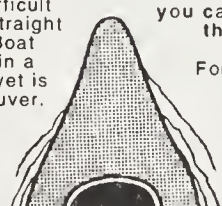
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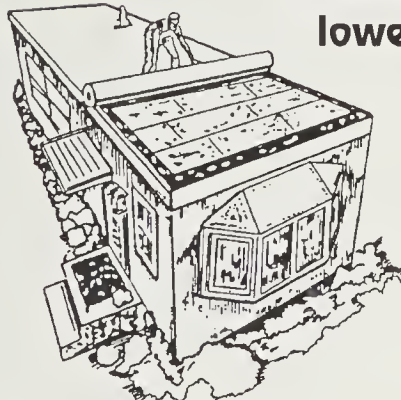
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Julia Ward Howe, who wrote the lyrics for "Battle Hymn of the Republic," first suggested Mother's Day as a national event.

A reverence for Mother's Day

I might as well admit it: I have a double standard about many of the red-letter days and special observances we celebrate every year.

Some of them, to my jaded eye, are part of a highly-effective marketing conspiracy that invents special occasions solely to generate sales of greeting cards, flowers and gag gifts. Is there any other explanation for a national exercise in apple-polishing to salute bosses? I believe most bosses simply tolerate all that Boss's Day fawning and certainly would never have lobbied for it.

Yet I've had no such notions about other special observances. One of them is Mother's Day, which certainly generates big bucks for the likes of Hallmark, FTD and AT&T. I've never doubted the purity of the motives behind this annual event, despite its commercial excesses. Somehow, it just seems so fitting to honor our mothers on a springtime Sunday.

Perhaps I can't see the occasion objectively because it will be forever linked with my memories of such Sundays: heading off to the Baptist church with the family when I was a boy, my hair slicked down to subdue a stubborn cowlick. Decked out in my best "Sunday clothes," I offered no objection to the red flower w/ pinned on my lapel like a badge of honor. I thought there must be some kind of Mother's Day Rule requiring it: Thou shalt wear a flower to church —red if your mother is living; white if she's not. Everybody at our church, it seemed, followed it faithfully—even the boys who usually tried to project a tough-guy image. The ritual never changed year after year, until the sad time came for my sister and me to use white flowers instead of red.

Other memories of those Sundays offer images of my own children following a similar ritual to honor their mother and her mother—the only grandmothers they've ever known. They're scenes of family cookouts and warm-fuzzy snapshots.

All this has inspired a reverence for Mother's Day that ranks it for me right alongside Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. All these occasions seem to be natural fixtures on our yearly calendar. The truth is that Mother's Day is a relatively new addition to the American calendar: the observance marks its 80th anniversary on May 8.

During the Civil War, Julia Ward Howe, who wrote the lyrics for "Battle Hymn of the Republic," first suggested Mother's Day as a national event. She wanted June 2, 1872, to be dedicated to honoring mothers and promoting peace.

The idea of a special event honoring mothers wasn't a new concept. The ancient Greeks and Romans held festivals paying tribute to mothers and the English celebrated the fourth Sunday of Lent as Mothering Sunday. The Yugoslavs and people of some other countries also maintain a long-standing Mother's Day tradition.

For several years, Mrs. Howe held a annual Mother's Day meeting in Boston. The idea also later caught on in Kentucky and Indiana, where local celebrations were held each year. Then, Anna Reeves Jarvis of Grafton, West Virginia and Philadelphia began lobbying for the

Mother's Day

oliday. Her efforts and those of her laughter eventually led to the designation of the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day in the United States.

Mrs. Jarvis, a minister's wife, organized a committee to sponsor a Mother's Friendship Day as a means of uniting families divided by the Civil War. The observance enjoyed some success but never gained widespread acceptance during Mrs. Jarvis' lifetime.

After she died in 1905, her daughter, Anna M. Jarvis, carried on her mother's crusade. In 1908, she organized Mother's Day observances in both Grafton and Philadelphia, as a tribute to her mother. They were low-key church services featuring hundreds of white carnations, the floral emblem of mother love and Anna Jarvis' favorite flower. The blossoms were given to each member of the congregation as a souvenir of the occasion. That was the beginning of the Mother's Day flower tradition.

Anna M. Jarvis then mounted a letter-writing campaign to popularize Mother's Day. A spinster who never became a mother, she wrote to ministers, congressmen and prominent businessmen, asking them to support a national observance honoring mothers.

By 1911, Mother's Day services were being held in every state. Two years later, the United States House of Representatives unanimously adopted a resolution asking the President, his cabinet and members of the House and the Senate to wear white carnations on Mother's Day. Congress also adopted a resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. President Woodrow Wilson signed it on May 9, 1914.

The following year, Wilson issued a formal proclamation establishing that day as an annual occasion "for displaying the American flag and as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."

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Submitted by Mrs. Mary Helen Whorton, Arapahoe

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1 cup uncooked orzo (rice-shaped pasta)

12 ounces shrimp, deveined and cleaned
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
⅓ cup loosely packed basil, or 2 teaspoons dried basil leaves

Bring chicken broth, tomatoes and broccoli to a boil in skillet over high heat. Cover and simmer for 7 to 8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add orzo, shrimp, salt and pepper. Return to simmer. Cover and stir occasionally. Cook 3 to 4 minutes until shrimp are pink and orzo is tender. Remove from heat. Stir in basil. (Serves four)



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By working closely with the people and businesses we serve, we're helping provide more than just electricity to heat showers in the morning and turn lights on at

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